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SUBJECT: PREOCCUPATION OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT OVER POSSIBLE
BELLICOSE ACTION BY PERU

IN A LONG TOUR D'HORIZON THIS MORNING WHEN I PRESENTED JAMES
THEBERGE TO CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, THE PRESIDENT VOLUNTEERED
HIS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT PERU MIGHT START A WAR IN
THE FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THIS CONCERN HAD BEEN VOICED TO
HIM PERSONALLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR, THE PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA
AND THE FONMIN OF CHILE WHOM HE HAD MET AT THE RECENT LIMA
CONFERENCE. (AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PEREZ CONFERRED WITH THE
ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT EN ROUTE IN QUITO.) PEREZ SAID THAT HE
WAS WORRIED OVER THE LARGE AMOUNT OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT SUPPLYING
THE PERUVIAN MILITARY AND LEFT US WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE THOUGHT
PERU MIGHT SOON INITIATE HOSTILITIES BY A SURPRISE BLITZ AGAINST ONE
OR ANOTHER OF THE THREE COUNTRIES MENTIONED.
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